

That old ~~plant~~ ~~editor~~
Carroll's plant story you
sent from ~~Monday~~ was
made in N.Y. ~~Word~~ - after
an article of mine in ~~notice~~.
- a good take off. - has
gone round the world, & now
I have re-appears -

It is as good as the old
Moon - howl,

MS

HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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My Dear Mr. Chamberlain

It just occurs to me
that I may not have
written to apprise you of
the safe arrival, some
time ago, of the little
box of seeds from Thomas,
your generous donation to
the Botanic Garden

I am grateful, &
an ~~excellent~~ memory of
it, is failing sadly

You will not mind
being notified now again,
and I should be distressed
if I had omitted it.

I did not open the box
but turned it directly
over to Mr. Sargent, the
Director.

I have been devoting
my whole time and energy
to a new edition -
or rather the 1st part of
a new edition of my
Botanical Text Book,
the Structural Botany,
and am now working
up the pretty full
Glossary or Dictionary
of Botanical Terms
which is to be at the
end of it.

When you & Mrs. Chamberlaine
come back, I suppose

you will find me a
good deal older than
when I saw you
last. At least I
begin to feel older.

Mrs. Gray & I are
very well tho' - having
a little lumbago on
my part - and Gordon
also is flourishing &
as busy as ever. And
busy he is like to be,
for he is preparing to
take charge of the
Garden before very
long.

Always cordially
Yours
Asa Gray